



## **State Water Resources Control Board**

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXCEPTION TO THE CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, AND ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed resolution approving an exception to the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) for the discharge of waste water by the University of California, San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography (UCSD/SIO) into the San Diego Scripps Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **BACKGROUND**

On July 22, 2004, the State Water Board issued Resolution 2004-0052, approving an exception from the Ocean Plan prohibition of waste discharge into ASBS to allow discharges of waste from UCSD/SIO into the San Diego-Scripps ASBS. The exception included a number of conditions that UCSD/SIO has complied with and UCSD/SIO has requested a new exception without an expiration date. In response, the State Water Board staff has prepared an amended exception and an addendum to the initial study/mitigated negative declaration (SCH# 2004051018).

## **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The proposed exception and addendum may be obtained via the Internet on the State Board Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/ocean/asbs.shtml#scripps

A copy of the document can also be sent by mail by contacting Dr. Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso at (916) 341-5858 or <a href="marielapaz.carpio-obeso@waterboards.ca.gov">marielapaz.carpio-obeso@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.

# **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed exception. Interested persons must submit their written comments, technical reports, testimony, and other material concerning this issue no later than 12:00 p.m. on March 23, 2015 to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted by e-mail to <a href="mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov">commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</a> (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. For e-mail submittals, please indicate in the subject line: "Comment Letter – UCSD/SIO."

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Dr. Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso at (916) 341-5858 or e-mail <u>marielapaz.carpio-obeso@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

February 2, 2015	Chanine Joursand
Date	Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board